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Dear Interested Party,

The Ely District BLM, Schell Field Office has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the South Steptoe Travel Management Plan (DOI-BLM-NV-L020-2012-0015-EA). A travel management plan designates routes for recreational and transportation uses as Open, Closed, or Limited. Route designations consider a wide range of public land uses while managing access to prevent long-term ecological damage. The BLM worked closely with a County-appointed coalition to develop several alternatives for consideration. Coalition group members included the City of Ely, hunting and non-hunting wildlife advocates, grazing permittees, motorized and non-motorized recreationists, Native American interests, property owners, public at large, White Pine County Sheriff's Office, and the Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council.

The BLM provided the preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to the public for a 60-day comment period on May 1, 2011. Based on the comments received, changes were made to the document and all comments were individually addressed in Appendix C of the EA.

The DR is enclosed, and the FONSI, DR, and final EA analyzing the proposed action, alternative actions and any potentially significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, are available on the web by clicking the link under "In The Spotlight" on the Ely District BLM webpage or at the following website: <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=dispatchToPatternPage&currentPageId=22513>. Final maps of the approved network of routes are available electronically at the same website and printed copies are available at the BLM Ely District Office.

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Sincerely,

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